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Ms. Laurie Duarte General Services Administration FAR Secretariat (MVR) Room 4035 1800 F Street, NW Washington, DC 20405

Re: FAR Case 2001-014

Dear Ms. Duarte,

As a American Taxpayer and small business owner I feel an obligation to inform you of my interest in the federal government receiving fair value in its contracts for goods and services. The Federal Acquisition Regulations April 3, 2001 edition of the *Federal Register* notes the important policy initiatives that I am pleased to share with you.

The actions taken in the April 3rd Federal Register will bring closure to the acquisitions policy initiated in FAR Case 1999-010. The unnecessary policy must be overturned due to its imprudent applications and multitude of unforeseeable consequences. Small businesses are now exposed to an unjust denial of federal contracts based on any violation of an immense array of complex federal laws in the past three years. In turn this would allow even unproven allegations or citations from the past that had been resolved to keep a company from winning federal contracts.

Clearly there is a need for crucial reforms in acquisition policy to open opportunities for small businesses and independent contractors. I hope that GSA and the FAR can direct their attention to the important pro competitive provisions required for the future.

-sincexely

George Walters

President and Taxpayer

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